

Augusto PINOCHET Ugarte
(Phonetic: peenohCHAY)

CHILE

President; Commander in
Chief of the Army

Addressed as:
Mr. President



Commander in Chief
of the Army since August
1973, Maj. Gen. Augusto
Pinochet, 59, became
President after he led
the September 1973 coup
against President (1970-
73) Salvador Allende.

An intelligent, ambitious
and professionally competent infantry officer and
military geographer, Pinochet is totally dedicated
to the reconstruction of Chile and the removal of
all vestiges of Marxism. A man known for his
toughness, he has stated that he will tolerate no
opposition to the government.

In an effort to encourage a flow of foreign
credits to Chile, Pinochet has begun to moderate
his tough stand on human rights. Despite his
position on human rights, he has a genuine con-
cern for people, and his frequent public appear-
ances have at times given him the semblance of a
grassroots politician. Pinochet admires the United
States but has been disappointed with the level of
US assistance, claiming "we have been better allies
to you than you have to us."

Outwardly tough, rigid and disciplined, Pino-
chet is at times indecisive. Quiet, mild-mannered
and businesslike, he is dedicated and hard-working;
he nevertheless enjoys parties. He likes Scotch
and pisco sours. He is interested in sports and
likes to discuss world military problems. He has
written at least three books on geography, one of
which has been used as a high school text. Married
to the former Lucía Hiriart Rodríguez, the Presi-
dent has five children and six grandchildren. He
speaks some French and only a little English.

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